



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

615 Chestnut Street

Suite 1250

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-4476

(215) 861-8200

May 2, 2008

NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a two-count indictment¹ charging that Eric Cook, on November 11, 2007, possessed marijuana and a firearm in Philadelphia after having been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year in prison.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Eric Cook	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	28

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, with a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years, 5 years of supervised release, a fine of \$500,000 (with a minimum fine of \$2,500), and a \$200 special assessment.

This case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney William L. Inden.

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
EASTERN DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA
Suite 1250, 615 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106**

**Contact: PATTY HARTMAN
Media Contact
215-861-8525**

COPIES OF NEWS MEMOS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT
<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/pae>

¹An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.